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25X1 1. [] Alerted Jim Gehrig, Staff Director of the Senate Space Committee, to the likelihood of a Soviet circumlunar shot on Sunday. I indicated that we expected this to be an unmanned attempt and did not anticipate anything spectacular at this time.

25X1 2. [] Met separately with Mr. J. R. Blandford and Mr. Philip Kelleher, House Armed Services Committee staff, and Mr. Robert Michaels, House Appropriations Committee staff, and briefed them on the withdrawal of Soviet forces from Czechoslovakia, the 7 November Soviet underground nuclear test, the projected Soviet unmanned circumlunar flight on 10 November and Cosmos 251 capability and instrumentation.

25X1 3. [] Met with Mr. Frank Sanders, House Appropriations Committee staff, who advised that the tentative itinerary and final scheduling of Representative Glenard Lipscomb's trip to Europe would be forwarded during the day to Mr. Robert Michaels. Although a visit to Radio Free Europe [] had been originally scheduled, that visit has now been cancelled. Representative Lipscomb will be traveling with Representatives John Rhodes and Burt Talcott. 25X1 All three will be accompanied by their wives.

25X1 4. [] Met with Mr. James Wilson, House Science and Astronautics Committee staff, and briefed him on the projected Soviet unmanned circumlunar flight and Cosmos 251 capability and instrumentation.

Mr. Wilson advised that he had the pleasure of dining during the week with Professor Harry Messel of the University of Sidney, who is heading up a science scholarship program at the University and which will include Russian students beginning next year. See Memorandum for the Record.

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